

U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01950-CKK

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Assigned to: Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 08/20/2018

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
08/20/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5648815) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Department of Justice)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 08/20/2018)
08/20/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 08/20/2018)
08/21/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. (zsb) (Entered: 08/21/2018)
08/21/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 08/21/2018)
08/23/2018	<u>4</u>	ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 08/23/18. (DM) (Entered: 08/23/2018)
09/05/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 9/4/2018. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/4/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 9/4/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S.

		DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 9/4/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 09/05/2018)
09/22/2018	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua L. Rogers on behalf of All Defendants (Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 09/22/2018)
09/22/2018	<u>7</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 09/22/2018)
09/23/2018	<u>8</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>7</u> MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 09/23/2018)
09/24/2018		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received Defendant's <u>7</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer, and Plaintiff's <u>8</u> Opposition to Defendant's Request to Extend Time to File Answer. Defendant requests an extension from October 4, 2018, until November 19, 2018, to file its answer, in part due to its counsel's "long-planned" vacation during early October. Despite Plaintiff's opposition, the Court shall GRANT Defendant's <u>7</u> Motion, for good cause shown. In order to mitigate the effects of this extension, the Court expects that Defendant will be making efforts to process Plaintiff's Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request in the interim. Defendant's answer, or a separate, concurrent filing, shall indicate the current status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, including its position in Defendant's FOIA queue and how long Defendant expects to require to process that request. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on September 24, 2018. (lcckk1) (Entered: 09/24/2018)
09/24/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 11/19/2018. (kt) (Entered: 09/24/2018)
11/19/2018	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 11/19/2018)
11/19/2018	<u>10</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 11/19/2018)
11/28/2018	<u>11</u>	ORDER. The parties shall file the schedule not later than JANUARY 4, 2019 . Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on November 28, 2018. (lcckk1) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
11/28/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Schedule due by 1/4/2019. (dot) (Entered: 11/29/2018)
12/26/2018	<u>12</u>	MOTION to Stay <i>All Proceedings in Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 12/26/2018)
12/27/2018		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received Defendant Department of Justice's <u>12</u> Motion for a Stay of All Proceedings in Light of Lapse of Appropriations. With Plaintiff's consent, and in an exercise of the Court's discretion, the Court shall GRANT Defendant's <u>12</u> Motion. The Court shall STAY the deadline for the Joint Status Report otherwise due by January 4, 2019. The deadline is tolled commensurate with the length of the lapse of appropriations to the U.S. Department of Justice. The parties shall file a notice within two business days of the restoration of the Department's funding and the resumption of its operations. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on December 27, 2018. (lcckk1) (Entered: 12/27/2018)
01/29/2019	<u>13</u>	NOTICE of Restored Funding by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 01/29/2019)
01/30/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received Defendant's <u>13</u> Notice of Restored Government Funding. Accordingly, the Court hereby LIFTS the stay in this matter. The parties' next Joint Status Report shall be submitted by FEBRUARY 8, 2019 . Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on January 30, 2019. (lcckk1) (Entered: 01/30/2019)
02/08/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Graham-Oliver, Heather) (Entered: 02/08/2019)

02/12/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, which indicates that Defendant has completed its processing, has made its first release, and expects to make another release shortly. Accordingly, the Court shall adopt the parties' proposal that they file a further Joint Status Report by MARCH 7, 2019 , indicating whether any issues remain and proposing a schedule for any further proceedings. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on February 12, 2019. (lcckk1) (Entered: 02/12/2019)
02/12/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/7/2019, indicating whether any issues remain and proposing a schedule for any further proceedings. (dot) (Entered: 02/12/2019)